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C O N F I D E N T I A L PORT LOUIS 0110

E.O. 11652: GDS  
TAGS: ELAB ILO MP  
SUBJECT: PREPARATIONS FOR FEBRUARY-MARCH 1977 SESSION OF ILO  
GOVERNING BODY

REF: STATE 28274

1. DCM PRESENTED DEMARCHE CONTAINED IN REFTEL TO PERMSEC OF MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS MORNING OF FEBRUARY 10. AFTER READING AIDE MEMOIRE CAREFULLY AND LISTENING TO FURTHER EXPLANATION OF US POSITION, HE COMMENTED THAT HE PERSONALLY WAS IN FULL AGREEMENT WITH THE US STANCE. HE THOUGHT IT INCOMPREHENSIBLE THAT THE ILO AND OTHER INTERNATIONAL SPECIALIZED AGENCIES SHOULD BE WASTING TIME WITH POLITICAL ISSUES. THE ILO IN PARTICULAR, HE SAID, WAS AN AGENCY WHICH COULD BRING ABOUT MANY POSITIVE PROGRAMS IN THE FIELD OF LABOR RELATIONS BECUASE OF THE PARTICIPATION IN IT OF THE THREE SPECIFIC INTEREST GROUPS -- GOVERNMENT, LABOR AND EMPLOYERS. HE BELIEVED THE WHOLE TREND TOWARD POLITICIZING SPECIALIZED AGENCIES WAS LAMENTABLE.

2. THE PERMSEC SUBMITTED, HOWEVER, THAT THE GOM HAD NOT RPT NOT DECIDED WHETHER TO SEND A DELEGATION. IF IT SHOULD DECIDE, THE CHIEF DELEGATE WOULD BE, HE STATED, THE PERMSEC OF THE GOM'S  
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MINISTRY OF LABOR. THERE WAS A SMALLER POSSIBILITY THAT THE MAURITIAN AMBASSADOR TO BELGIUM AND THE EEC, RAMMOND CHASLE, WOULD BE AUTHORIZED TO ATTEND THE CONFERENCE. AND FINALLY, THERE WAS A REMOTE CHANCE, HE SAID, THAT THE MINISTER OF LABOR WOULD REPRESENT MAURITIUS AT THE MEETING. THE LATTER'S PARTICIPATION WOULD BE DIFFICULT, HE STATED, BECAUSE THE MAURITIUS LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY CONVENES ON MARCH 1 AND THE

MINISTER'S PRESENCE IN PORT LOUIS WOULD BE ESSENTIAL, GIVEN THE SLIM MAJORITY BY WHICH THE GOVERNMENT CONTROLS THE PARLIAMENT.

3. THE PERMSEC STATED FURTHER, THAT PERSONAL CONVICTIONS ASIDE, THE GOM DELEGATE (IF ONE ATTENDS) WOULD HAVE TO FOLLOW THE OAU POSITION WHICH GENERALLY PARALLELS THAT OF THE ARAB COUNTRIES. HE PROMISED TO BRIEF THE MAURITIAN DELEGATE WHO MIGHT BE DESIGNATED ON THE U.S. POSITION, BUT ADDED THAT THE OFFICIAL GOM POSITIO AT THE SESSION WOULD BE INFLUENCED BY THE OVERALL OAU POSITION.  
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